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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### (U) Los Angeles – Unattended Luggage Prompts Street Closure

(U) Luggage left on a downtown sidewalk prompted a temporary street closure outside the Los Angeles Times building yesterday.. Officers cordoned off the area and blocked streets while bomb squad personnel examined the object. Also on Monday, police in Fullerton evacuated homes after a “pipe-like device” was found in the area. A robot from the Orange County Sheriff’s Department’s bomb squad inspected the device, which was rendered safe. The device, which appeared to be a plumbing pipe, did not contain explosives.

SOURCE: 19 September 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### (U) District of Columbia – More Than 800 Immigrants Mistakenly Granted Citizenship

(U) Washington – At least 858 people who were previously ordered deported managed to become United States citizens because they used different identities — and old fingerprint records had not been digitized — according to a report released yesterday by the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General. According to the report, the agency received \$5 million from Congress to load paper fingerprint cards into the database. Immigration officials identified 315,000 files needing to be digitized and about 167,000 were reviewed before funding ran out, according to the report.

SOURCE: 19 September 2016, [Associated Press](#)

##### (U) New York – Bombing Suspect Spent Time in Afghanistan and Pakistan

(U) New York City – Ahmad Khan Rahami, the suspect in the weekend bombings in New York and New Jersey, traveled for extended periods to Afghanistan and Pakistan in the last few years, officials said. Rahami, 28, spent several weeks in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and Quetta, Pakistan, in 2011, according to a law enforcement official who reviewed his travel and immigration record. Two years later, in April 2013, he went to Pakistan and remained there until March 2014 before returning to the US, official said. Investigators are looking into whether he was radicalized overseas before returning to the United States in 2014. As of yesterday, a law enforcement official said, there is no indication he was on the radar before this weekend, when explosions went off in New York and New Jersey.

SOURCE: 19 September 2016, [CNN](#)

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

##### (U) France – Authorities Arrest Eight New Suspects Connected to Bastille Day Truck Attack in Nice

(U) Paris – French authorities arrested eight new suspects in connection with the Bastille Day truck attack in Nice that left 86 people dead, the Paris prosecutor's office said today. The office said the suspects detained yesterday were French and Tunisian and had links to the attacker, Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, who drove a 19-ton truck down Nice's Promenade des Anglais and into a crowd

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assembled for a 14 July fireworks display. All eight were arrested in the Alpes-Maritimes region in the southeastern corner of France that includes Nice.

SOURCE: 20 September 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Nigeria – Suspected Boko Haram Militants Kill Six in Ambush**

(U) Borno – Suspected members of the militant group Boko Haram killed six people in an attack on a commercial convoy being escorted by the army in Nigeria's northeastern state of Borno, the military said yesterday. Boko Haram has killed more than 15,000 people and displaced 2.4 million across Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger and Chad during a seven-year insurgency aimed at creating a state based on a radical interpretation of Islamic law.

SOURCE: 19 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) North Korea – US, China To Step Up Cooperation on North Korea**

(U)Pyongyang – US President Barack Obama and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang agreed yesterday to step up cooperation in the United Nations Security Council and in law-enforcement channels after North Korea's fifth nuclear test, the White House said. China and the United States are also targeting the finances of Liaoning Hongxiang Industrial, a Chinese conglomerate headed by a Communist Party cadre, that the Obama administration thinks has a role in assisting North Korea's nuclear program.

SOURCE: 20 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Syria – US Sanctions Syrian Rebel Group Jund al-Aqsa**

(U) Damascus – The US State Department has designated a rebel group in northern Syria, Jund al-Aqsa, a terrorist organization in a move to block any assets it may have in the United States and prevent Americans from engaging with the organization. In a statement released today, the department said the group had once been part of the Nusra Front, an al-Qa'ida affiliate also deemed a "terrorist organization" by the United States, but has "since split and now carries out operations independently."

SOURCE: 20 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) Mexico – Police Find 'Homemade Bazooka' That may have Launched Contraband over Border**

(U) Agua Prieta – Federal authorities in Mexico have discovered a van outfitted with a makeshift bazooka, apparently intended to launch packages over the border with the United States, according to a statement from the Mexican national security commission. It was unclear whether the air cannon used in this instance was intended to traffic drugs, but authorities said Saturday that the van carrying it was parked in Agua Prieta in northeastern Sonora, a state that shares the border with Arizona, with no license plate and doors that were ajar.

SOURCE: 19 September 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

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